

of emergency contraception, or don't know the key facts critical to the use of emergency contraception. Only one percent of women aged 18–44 have used emergency contraception. Were information about this important contraceptive choice readily available, the incidence of abortion could be drastically reduced. Our legislation is an attempt to get this information to precisely the women and health care professionals who need it.

One of the reasons this bill is so necessary is because there is so much confusion surrounding emergency contraception. EC is not abortion; it is not RU-486; it is contraception. Regardless of one's position on abortion, we should all be able to support emergency contraception. EC will reduce unintended pregnancies, and therefore reduce abortions.

Proof of the effectiveness of EC's ability to reduce unwanted pregnancies is found in Senator MURRAY'S home state of Washington, where emergency contraception is available without a prescription at pharmacies. In Washington State, pharmacy access to emergency contraception has helped produce the largest declines in adolescent pregnancy and in abortion rates in the last 20 years.

This legislation has been endorsed by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). I hope that my colleagues in both the House and Senate will join Senator MURRAY and me, as well as the health professionals of ACOG, in championing this important reproductive health option for women across the country.

TRIBUTE TO LAVINIA M.C.  
HARTFIELD

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2002*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer congratulations to Mrs. Lavinia M.C. Hartfield upon her retirement from the International Free and Accepted Modern Masons and Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Hartfield will be honored at the National Midwest District Convention to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan on March 9.

For the past 51 years Mrs. Hartfield has faithfully served this organization in a wide variety of positions. As one of the original founding members of the International Free and Accepted Modern Masons Mrs. Hartfield has remained a dynamic force in moving the organization forward. She is the first national district Grand Matron for the National Midwest District. The district consists of the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin. She serves on the First Supreme Board of Directors, the Corporate Secretary, the Grand Matron of the Edith Sampson Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star for the State of Michigan for the past four years and Secretary of the Exalted Degree Department of the organization. She was elected Supreme Recording Secretary at the first International Masons and Order of the

Eastern Star Supreme Convention in Canton, Ohio and is still serving in that position.

Lavinia Hartfield has carried the principles of the International Free and Accepted Modern Masons of charity, benevolence and education into other areas of her life. As a member of the NAACP, The Urban League, and the Greater Flint Council of Churches she has worked to bring charitable service to everyone she meets. Honored by her peers, she was honored in 1975 by the Zeta Phi Beta Fraternal Sorority as the "Zeta Woman of the Year."

Rooted in the Bible and Christian doctrine, Mrs. Hartfield has returned her God-given musical talent to the Lord's service at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Since her early childhood, Lavinia has provided musical inspiration to the congregation. Working tirelessly as the choir director, music coordinator, and gospel soloist she is presently carrying on the Lord's work as the assistant choir director.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Mrs. Lavinia Hartfield as she retires from active service with the International Free and Accepted Modern Masons and Order of the Eastern Star. Along with her husband of 47 years, Dr. Turner S. Hartfield, Lavinia Hartfield has served God, her community, her church and her family with zeal, compassion, and courage.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2002 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## MARCH 8

9:30 a.m.

## Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for February 2002.

311, Cannon Building

10 a.m.

## Appropriations

## Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

SD-138

## MARCH 11

1:30 p.m.

## Governmental Affairs

## International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Central Intelligence Agency national intelligence estimate of foreign missile development and the ballistic missile threat through 2015.

SD-342

## MARCH 12

9:30 a.m.

## Environment and Public Works

## Superfund, Toxics, Risk, and Waste Management Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine environmental enforcement.

SD-406

10 a.m.

## Appropriations

## Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of State.

SD-138

## Finance

To hold hearings to examine welfare reform issues.

SD-215

## Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

## Public Health Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine solutions for uninsured patients.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

## Armed Services

## Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on special operations military capabilities, operational requirements, and technology acquisition.

SR-222

## Governmental Affairs

## International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S.1800, to strengthen and improve the management of national security, encourage Government service in areas of critical national security, and to assist government agencies in addressing deficiencies in personnel possessing specialized skills important to national security and incorporating the goals and strategies for recruitment and retention for such skilled personnel into the strategic and performance management systems of Federal agencies.

SD-342

## Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2003 for the First Responder Initiative.

SD-406

## MARCH 13

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

## Personnel Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense Health Program.

SR-232A

## Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the economic and environmental risks associated with increasing greenhouse gas emissions.

SD-406

## Governmental Affairs

To resume hearings to examine public health and natural resources, focusing on implementation of environmental laws.

SD-342

10 a.m.

## Appropriations

## Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Commerce.

SD-116

## Judiciary

## Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the worldwide connection between drugs and terrorism.

SD-226

## Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (105-178).

SD-538

10:30 a.m.

## Appropriations

## Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Library of Congress and the Congressional Research Service.

SD-124

2:30 p.m.

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings on the nominations of Robert Watson Cobb, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, and Major General Charles F. Bolden, Jr., United States Marine Corps, to be Deputy Administrator, both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

SR-253

## Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine pending intelligence matters.

SH-219

## MARCH 14

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy.

SH-216

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine.

SR-253

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings on the proposed National Defense Interstate Rail Act.

SR-253

10 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Gold Star Wives of America, the Fleet Reserve Association, the Air Force Sergeants Association, and the Retired Enlisted Association.

345, Cannon Building

## Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine competition, innovation, and public policy concerning digital creative works.

SD-226

2 p.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings on the nomination of Robert H. Roswell, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Health, and the nomination of Daniel L. Cooper, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Benefits, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SR-418

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on the nomination of Richard Monroe Miles, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to Georgia; the nomination of James W. Pardew, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria; and the nomination of Peter Terpeluk, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg.

SD-419

## MARCH 15

10 a.m.

## Appropriations

## Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Energy.

SD-138

## MARCH 19

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the worldwide threat to United States interests (to be followed by closed hearings in SH-219).

SH-216